

## Farmer's Champoin

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### OKLAHOMA NEWS NOTES

Seminole is to have more sidewalks, the town council having ordered them.

The Alva Commercial Club will take up the matter of building a high school at Alva.

Contract has been let for the erection of six bridges in Comanche county.

The Wilburton Gazette is advocating the establishment of a state Keeley institute.

William Short, R. O. Perrin and others are building a sawmill in Broken Arrow.

Partitions are in circulation at Strong City, Roger Mills county, to have that town incorporated.

Cleveland will have three tickets in the 1934 in the spring election—the Democratic, Socialist and Chinese.

Flies have been lighted in the "jumbo pot" at Shawnee to furnish burned bait for the Rock Island.

Cartage parties are planning the construction of a modern, fireproof, three-story concrete hotel at Dewey.

The farm residence of R. A. Wilson, southwest of Chickasha, together with all the contents, was destroyed by fire.

The Mothers' club of Lawton is behind a movement to establish a public restroom in the center of the shopping district.

Pete White of Alva was bitten by an opossum and has taken the Pasteur treatment to ward off a possible attack of hydrophobia.

The Methodist church at Broken Arrow has received a new organ, which will be installed in the new church building.

Marlow will utilize the product of the gas well southeast of town, and a company is putting in the gas mains over the town now.

The old school building at Tecumseh is being torn down and in its stead a modern \$28,000 educational structure is to be erected.

Hardy reports that a miniature cyclone passed over that town, doing some small damage and causing much fright to the inhabitants.

Construction work will begin next week on the new Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf shops at Muskogee, which will cost, it is estimated, \$151,000.

The contract has been awarded for furnishing a postoffice building at Cleveland, and it is expected to be ready for occupancy by May 1.

Isabel has purchased a new engine and boiler for its water plant and both have arrived. The new equipment will be installed and placed in operation at once.

Twenty-five convicts are being worked on the streets at Granite. The main street of the town is being plowed and graded and placed in first class condition.

M. Jones of Bristow has secured a charter for the establishment of a state bank in Drumright, Creek county. The institution will be capitalized at \$10,000.

It is expensive enough to get drunk at Tulsa on week days, but doubly expensive to imbibe too freely on the Sabbath. Double fines are now being assessed against Sunday drunks at that place.

Conflicting reports are received from the fruit growing districts of the state as to the effect the recent cold snap had on the trees. However, it is stated but few sections were damaged seriously.

Initial steps have been taken at Purcell to make this year's McClain county fair outstrip any previous one held.

Wednesday, March 19, marked the fifteenth anniversary of Muskogee, that enterprising city having been incorporated as a town by order of court on March 19, 1898.

Work will soon start on the new dormitory at the State College for Women at Chickasha, for which an appropriation of \$50,000 was made last week. The building will be ready for occupancy by September.

Glen Barnhill, indicted by the Cotton county grand jury on two charges of horse stealing, one for burglary and the fourth for "pandering," which has to do with "white slavery," was apprehended in Houston, Texas, and returned to stand trial.

When County Judge Thomas W. Leahy of Muskogee marries a couple he does not get one cent for it. The fee of \$3, usually claimed by the officiating judge, justice or parson at marriages, is placed to the county's credit by this county judge rather than pocketed by him for his own use.

## PROGRAM FOR EDITORS' MEET

OKLAHOMA SCRIBES TO "ENJOY LIFE" AT BARTLESVILLE, OKLA., IN MAY.

### TRIPS TO TULSA AND PAWNUKA

Business Announces Program, Which Assures a Good Time for All On May 1st, 1934 and 19th.

That the editors of the state, with their wives, daughters and friends, will gather on May 1 for a two days' annual session, will have a grand and glorious time during their stay in Bartlesville, as well as the day following adjournment, when they will visit Pawhuska and Tulsa, is shown conclusively by a general of the program for the meeting made public by Secretary E. S. Bronson of Thomas, and also by the entertainment program the progressive met and women of Bartlesville are arranging.

It is expected there will be several hundred members of the association present when George A. Smith of the Chandler Tribune sounds the gavel which will formally open the initial session on Friday morning, May 1, at 10 o'clock. In addition to the members of the association, it is expected there will be more than one hundred wives of editors and other guests and friends in the city to attend the sessions and enjoy the hospitality of Bartlesville, Pawhuska and Tulsa. The headquarters of the convention will be in the Commercial Club rooms, where all business sessions will be held.

Advises received here from Pawhuska and Tulsa are to the effect the



George A. Smith, President.

commercial bodies of those two towns are arranging some agreeable surprises for the visitors who will be there Sunday.

Program is Announced. Secretary E. S. Bronson of Thomas has announced the following as the complete program:

Friday Morning. Headquarters at Commercial Club rooms. 9:30—Concert by Bartlesville band. 10:00—Association will assemble. Music. Address of welcome by mayor of Bartlesville. Response by A. L. Lindbeck, Medford Star. Music. Annual Address—President George A. Smith, Chandler Tribune. Appointment of committees. Secretary-Treasurer's Report—E. S. Bronson, Thomas.

Friday Afternoon. Concert by Bartlesville band. Music. Question—"Machine Composition vs. Hand Composition in County Offices," discussions by John McCutcheon, Pawnee Courier-Dispatch; J. J. Burke, Norman Transcript; W. M. Erwin, Tulsa Valley Enterprise; Roy E. McDonald, Cordell Beacon; Ed Ingram, Kingfisher Star.

Question—"What the Press Should Expect from a Legislative Candidate," discussions by L. M. Nichols, Bristow Record; Horace W. Shepard, Altus Times. 3:30—Seeing Bartlesville—Tour in automobiles to zinc smelters, machine shops and Dewey cement plant.

4:00—Grand ball at Lewey and reception and musicale at Bartlesville.

Saturday Morning. 8:30—Green corn dance at Country Club. 10:00—Music. Question—"Cost of Printed Productions," discussions by Bert Hodges, Okmulgee Democrat; Bryon Norrell, Ada Democrat; Clarence G. Dalton, Mounds Signal; E. A. Olmstead, Butler Herald; George H. Foster, Wagner Record; Cap Mitchell, Shattuck Monitor; Ivan Williams, Patview Leader; L. B. Nichols, Chandler News-Publicist; Cad Allard, El Reno American.

Saturday Afternoon. Music. Reports of committees. Reflection of last place of meeting. Election of officers. 3:30—Initiation into the "Royal Order Houn' Daugh's." Ladies' reception at Elks' Club. 4:00—Concert hall at Lewey and reception and musicale at Bartlesville.

Sunday. 9:00—Leave for Pawhuska on special train. At Pawhuska the editorial guests will be shown over the famous Camp reservation. A grand dinner will be served by the Woman's Club, after which the Osage blanket Indians will give their celebrated stomp dance.

The special train will leave Pawhuska at 5 o'clock for Tulsa, where an elaborate dinner will be served at the Hotel Tulsa at 6 p. m. by the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce. A smoker and musicale will follow.

### Irregular Expenditure of Money.

The alleged expenditure of several thousand dollars, inherited from the old dispensary fund, without an appropriation by the legislature and without the money having first passed through the hands of the state treasurer, is to be made a matter of investigation by a special senate committee of which Senator Jones of Creek county is chairman. About \$14,000 was turned over to the state when the dispensary law was repealed, which had accrued from the sale of confiscated liquors. This money was not converted into the treasury of the state but is said to have been retained in the hands of the governor and State Enforcement Officer, W. J. Canfield and a large portion of it spent for maintenance of the state enforcement department. It appears that whatever has been spent from this fund for prohibition enforcement since the Canfield administration has not gone through the regular channels of the state treasurer and state auditor's offices and legal authority to expend the money at all has been questioned.

### More Graft Charges Made.

Charged with false pretenses and preparing false evidence, Hugh Garner, former deputy state examiner under the Charles Taylor administration, and now auditor of the house investigating committee, was indicted by the Oklahoma county grand jury. The indictment against Garner alleges that on August 1, 1932, with intent to cheat and defraud the state and one P. T. Moore, and divers other persons out of \$100, he obtained from Leo Meyer, then state auditor, a warrant for \$20 purporting to have been issued in payment for services rendered by Moore as clerk and stenographer in the state examiner's office from July 1, 1932, until July 4, 1932.

### Many Millions in Taxes Involved.

State officials and county officers from various sections of Oklahoma are watching with intense interest the outcome of a suit now pending in the supreme court entitled "In re assessment of property of the Indian Territory (Hamman v. Oil Company)," the purpose of which is to require the owners of very valuable oil and gas leases in Osage county to list their property for taxation. Identically the same points are involved as were at issue in the case brought by G. L. Watson against County Treasurer Johnstone of Washington county, upon the merits of which the highest state court did not pass.

### Governor Sign Many Bills.

Among the last bills approved by Governor Croce were those abolishing the office of state printer, providing that the work shall be looked after by the board of affairs and the bill by Wyand of Muskogee making it a misdemeanor for anyone to maliciously or wilfully enter or pass over any garden, when forbidden to do so.

A congressional redistricting bill, dividing Oklahoma into eight new congressional districts, all with democratic pluralities according to the last two general elections, was passed finally. The bill was the final compromise between the conference committees of the house and senate, and was the bill adopted by house caucus last week, as amended in four particulars in the last conference. The house passed the bill by a vote of 61 to 22, with republicans among those voting for it, and democrats among those voting against.

### Leslie Niblack Arrested.

Leslie G. Niblack, editor and owner of the Guthrie Leader, and son-in-law of former Governor Haskell, was arrested, brought here from Guthrie and arraigned in district court on an indictment returned by the Oklahoma county grand jury. The bill containing two counts, charges him with preparing false evidence and with obtaining money under false pretenses.

Henry E. Derwin, superintendent of the Guthrie Leader, was indicted jointly with Niblack for the same offenses, made bond and was released during the afternoon. Three more separate indictments against the impeached state printer, Giles W. Fabris, were included in the report returned. Fabris also was indicted two weeks ago, charged with preparing false evidence. There are now four indictments against him.

The indictment returned against Niblack and Derwin, makes the accusation that they are guilty of defrauding the state out of \$2,130.50.

### Capital Question Settled.

The state capital of Oklahoma is now definitely, positively and finally located on the northeastern Oklahoma city and yet far enough out for the tance of the heart of the heart of the city and yet far enough out for the legislators and governmental officials to work undisturbed by the strenuousness of the downtown district.

By the heavy vote of 63 to 17, the house of representatives passed Senator McMechan's resolution to accept 650 acres of land and \$100,000 in cash with which to build the capitol.

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